

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year, over 200,000 children across America are rushed to an emergency room as a result of injuries sustained on their city, school, or childcare playgrounds, and an average of 17 children die annually from playground injury; and

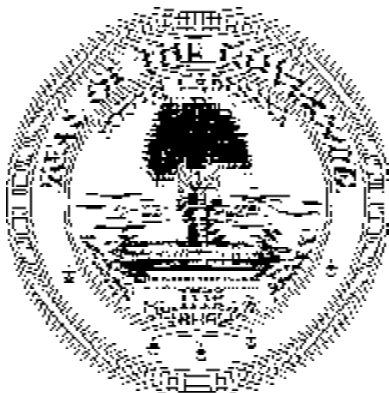
WHEREAS, proper supervision, age appropriate equipment, materials to soften falls to the surface, and equipment maintenance can reduce the number of playground injuries and help save lives; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 observance of Playground Safety Week raises awareness of the potential dangers associated with playgrounds, while encouraging people to take appropriate precautions and safety measures to help make our playgrounds safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 21 - 25, 2003, as

PLAYGROUND SAFETY WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote safety awareness to ensure the continued health and well-being of our children.



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MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA